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SUBJECT: ROC AMBASSADOR BRIEFED ON SECRETARY'S PRC VISIT

1. ROC AMBASSADOR SHEN MET WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB DECEMBER 3 FOR BRIEFING ON SECRETARY'S RECENT VISIT TO PRC. INGERSOLL CONVEYED SECRETARY'S REGRETS OVER INABILITY RECEIVE SHEN AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED BECAUSE OF APPEARANCE ON HILL. HE BRIEFLY DESCRIBED PRC VISIT AS IN KEEPING WITH SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE'S CALL FOR PERIODIC HIGH-LEVEL
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CONSULTATIONS AND THEN ASKED HABIB TO PROVIDE DETAILS

FOR SHEN.

2. HABIB FIRST NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR UNGER HAD PROVIDED PREMIER CHIANG WITH COMMUNIQUE IN ADVANCE ALONG WITH ASSURANCE THAT NO DECISIONS WERE TAKEN IN PEKING REGARDING NORMALIZATION. HABIB SAID CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF PEKING DISCUSSIONS CONSISTED OF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON GLOBAL ISSUES AND ON SOVIET UNION. SECRETARY GACE PRC RUN-DOWN ON VLADIVOSTOK ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT ALONG LINES NOW APPEARING IN PRESS. PRC HAD DEMONSTRATED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET UNION, WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF BREZHNEV'S ULAN BATOR SPEECH AND LEFT CLEAR IMPRESSION THERE WERE NO GROUNDS FOR SPECULATION ABOUT ITS PURSUIT OF RAPPROCHEMENT WITH MOSCOW. KOREA WAS NOT MENTIONED IN DISCUSSIONS

AND PRC RESPONSE TO OUR POSITION ON CAMBODIA WAS PERFUNCTORY.

3. ACCORDING HABIB, UNDERLYING MOOD OF DISCUSSIONS RELATING TO BILATERAL MATTERS WAS SHARED UNDERSTANDING THAT RELATIONS WERE DEVELOPING SATISFACTORILY. EARLY IN TALKS PRC DISCLAIMED SPECULATION THAT CHILL HAD DEVELOPED IN THE RELATIONSHIP AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH ITS CURRENT STATE. WE MADE SIMILAR AFFIRMATION. THERE WAS NO PRESSURE OR COMPLAINTS ON ANY ISSUE, NO BREAKTHROUGHS WERE ACHIEVED AND ONLY DECISION TAKEN WAS THAT OF PRESIDENTIAL VISIT WHICH WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN LATTER PART OF 1975. AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WAS REACHED THAT CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE VISITS IN 1975 WOULD BE AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS IN 1974, BUT DETAILS WOULD BE WORKED OUT BY RESPECTIVE NATIONAL COMMITTEES. NO FUNDAMENTAL PROGRESS WAS MADE ON CLAIMS AND ASSETS ISSUES BUT EXISTING PROBLEMS WERE LEGAL AND TECHNICAL RATHER THAN POLITICAL.

4. SHEN ASKED HOW PRESIDENTIAL VISIT HAD COME ABOUT. HABIB REPLIED THAT PRC IN DISCUSSIONS HAD CLEARLY IMPLIED IT WOULD WELCOME SUCH A VISIT AND WE HAD TAKEN UP THEIR BROAD HINT. WHEN ASKED WHETHER ROC SHOULD BE
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TERRIBLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT, HABIB REPLIED NO: THERE WERE NO COMMITMENTS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT AND AT THIS EARLY STAGE NO BASIS FOR JUDGING WHERE IT MIGHT LEAD. SHEN ASKED WHETHER WE COULD OFFER ANY REASSURANCES ABOUT THE VISIT. HABIB RECALLED PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT UPON ASSUMING OFFICE CONCERNING THE CONTINUITY OF US POLICY AND OUR INTENTION TO MAINTAIN EXISTING COMMITMENTS. OUR COMMIT-

MENT TO TAIWAN'S SECURITY REMAINS VALID. WE UNDERSTAND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD THE INTERESTS OF FRIENDS AND ALLIES.

5. SHEN RAISED MAO'S FAILURE TO RECEIVE SECRETARY. HABIB SAID WE HAD NOT ASKED FOR SUCH MEETING AND NO PRECEDENT HAD BEEN BROKEN. THIS WAS THE SECRETARY'S SEVENTH VISIT TO THE PRC AND HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY MAO ON THREE OCCASIONS.

6. IN RESPONSE TO SHEN'S QUERIES, HABIB SAID THAT CHIANG CHING HAD NOT MET WITH MRS. KISSINGER AND RELAYED THE SECRETARY'S IMPRESSION OF CHOU AS ALERT AND VIGOROUS. HE REVEALED THAT TENG HSIAO-PING HAD CARRIED THE BURDEN OF THE DISCUSSION WITH CHIAO KUAN-HUA INTERJECTING FROM TIME TO TIME. TENG SPOKE FROM BRIEFS. HE WAS HIGHLY COMPETENT, ALTHOUGH NOT AS URBANE AS

CHOU. THERE WAS NO WAY TO GET A FEEL FOR THE DYNAMICS OF THE PRC'S INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION FROM THE MEETINGS AND SOCIAL OCCASIONS. AS FOR TENG'S REPORTED INTEREST IN MEETING IN WASHINGTON AND SECRETARY'S RESPONDING INVITATION, IT WAS BANTER IN PRESENCE OF NEWSMEN. THE IMPLICATION OF TENG'S FOLLOWING ASSERTION THAT SUCH A MEETING WAS NOT NOW FEASIBLE WAS CLEAR.

7. SHEN CONCLUDED BY ASKING WHETHER TAIWAN HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND REQUESTING HABIB TO SUMMARIZE THE RESULTS OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. HABIB SAID THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ON NORMALIZATION, BUT THE SECRETARY'S ASSERTION TO SHEN OF A YEAR AGO THAT NO TIMETABLE HAD BEEN SET WAS STILL VALID. THE US VIEWS ON NORMALIZATION REMAIN THOSE STATED IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. HABIB
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SUMMARIZED THE VISIT BY SAYING WE DID NOT GO WITH ANY EXPECTATIONS OF ANY MAJOR BREAKTHROUGHS OR DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTHING OCCURRED ALONG SUCH LINES. SHEN'S PARTING REMARK WAS THAT SOME IN ROC LOOK ON THE PRESIDENT'S FORTHCOMING VISIT AS THE TIME WHEN THE SECOND SHOE WOULD BE DROPPED.

8. MEETING WAS CORDIAL AND SHEN WAS AFFABLE THROUGHOUT. ALTHOUGH HIS IMMEDIATE CONCERNS WERE PROBABLY EASED BY PRESENTATION, CLEARLY HE AND ROC NOW WORRIEDLY FOCUSING ON PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

9. WE ARE SENDING YOU CIRCULAR CABLE WHICH INCLUDES SOME ADDITIONAL POINTS YOU COULD USE IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH GROC.

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